

Acorn Park School



Newsletter



We care, we strive, we grow, we thrive



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Hello everyone,

We've had another amazing week here at Acorn Park.

Starting with some new additions to our school library! These were requested by the student council and there are some great choices here.

Durrell Class celebrated World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October by learning about what mental health is and ways we can better our mental health. In History we have been learning about The Ancient Egyptians. Today Luca K had great fun turning his staff into Mummies after learning about the mummification process.

Three students from Shakespeare class went to London this week to see The Taming of the Shrew at The Globe. It was a brilliant experience and one the students will remember for a long time.

Murphy class have started working on some mini-enterprises and this week we had our friends from Ahlberg visit Murphy for a mini cake sale, supporting our students' efforts and make progress towards their targets.

We have another opportunity for cakes, as we do love our cakes here! The year 11 pupils are raising money for a residential trip with a weekly cake raffle. The class charge £1 per ticket and the prize is drawn every Friday (starting next week). Typically, this is aimed at the staff team (I'm not sure the taxi drivers will thank us if we sent some home with pupils!) but may be able to put some on for parents/ pupils for Christmas.

The students in sixth form have been busy getting to grips with the world of work. Some have ventured out to their external placements, watch this space for some updates over the coming months.

Whilst in our cafe we have developed a new seasonal menu for the coffee shop using produce from our school farm! They sold pumpkin soup with freshly baked bread rolls, a classic autumnal lunch. And keeping on that theme, the pumpkin pie sold out in the first hour!

Keeping on the theme of Autumn. We have had a Scarecrow competition this week, we will announce the winner and get some photos of them for next week's Dojo!

We are very excited to announce that M&M are returning this year to do a school play, Cinderella. This will be on the 14th of November and every child in school will have the opportunity to attend.

You may have noticed that we have an end of term 'Themed day' – Fantasy worlds. We are encouraging pupils to dress up in a costume linked to one of the books they are studying, because the theme for this half term is 'Fantasy Worlds' – if you're not sure, please ask your class team and they will be able to help.

We are asking for support from you all with costume choices! This is not a Halloween themed day, so please don't send your child in with masks and nothing scary. There are many pupils onsite that get scared over such things and it can have a huge impact on their learning. If your child is excited to show us their Halloween outfit, maybe you could share a photo on your Classes Story?

Student Stars

Care:

Max S - for assisting an elderly lady reaching a carton of milk from the top shelf when out in the community.

Strive:

Elliot H - having a positive first therapy session and completing all tasks

Frankie S – as he has really shown growth and determination in the skills he's been practicing in therapy recently

Grow:

Shamis H - for independently processing tricky situations, then apologising to those she thought she upset.

Harley W - for an excellent first shift at his work experience and taking such a pride in his work

Thrive:

Wyatt F - for having the confidence to get back in the swimming pool

Isaac O - for always being ready and excited to answer questions with all of his newly learned knowledge of foods.

Staff Stars

Care:

Jo A - She is always a welcoming, happy, friendly face who cares about everyone coming through reception, staff, student or visitor.

Strive:

Emily T - for being positive and proactive in creating plans to support all the children in Gray class.

Grow:

Megan D - for being ready to take on new responsibilities and being the best fantasy lantern making helper of the week.

Thrive:

Ellese W – for being such an asset to Sissay class, she is extremely caring towards our students and staff. She always takes the time to go above and beyond, and she always has a smile on her face.

Walliams team (as voted for by Woodlands) – for continuously going above and beyond to support the pupils and create a seamless connection between care and school.